

CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 04-69

A RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT TO RESURRECTING THE AMERICAN DREAM

WHEREAS, the American dream is rooted in principles of fairness, opportunity and a chance to succeed; and

WHEREAS, growing divisions between rich and poor, haves and have-nots, and people of color and whites stand in the way of the success of all American communities today; and

WHEREAS, too many people in America's cities and towns no longer have access to what most of us take for granted, - a safe and affordable place to live, the opportunity to support themselves adequately through work, and the ability to help their children take the next step up the ladder; and

WHEREAS, recent studies and polls show that the economic gaps are getting wider, more and more young people are being left behind because of unequal educational opportunities and limited job opportunities, and countless workers do not have the needed skills to take advantage of new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the leaders of America's cities and towns face the challenges and costs of these divides and disparities everyday by trying to meet growing needs for an affordable home, a good education, access to basic medical care, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities believes that government at all levels has a fundamental responsibility to address the growing disparities by developing policies and programs that will give every American an equal chance to achieve the American dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that: the City of Tigard join the National League of Cities in calling for a national commitment to ensure access to the American dream; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tigard City Council are committed to do our part at the local and regional level to maximize access to affordable housing, strengthen public education, create opportunities to develop marketable job skills, and build an inclusive community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tigard City Council call on all 2004 candidates for public office to speak directly to the issues of divides and disparities in America and specify what they are willing to do to put the American dream within reach for all families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tigard City Council join the National League of Cities in calling for a national domestic agenda in 2005 that;

- (1) supports families and children, especially through schools that work for every child and affordable health care,
- (2) puts affordable housing and homeownership within reach for every American,
- (3) grows our local economies to increase jobs and opportunities to learn new skills to match job openings, and

(4) supports all governments working together to better serve Americans.

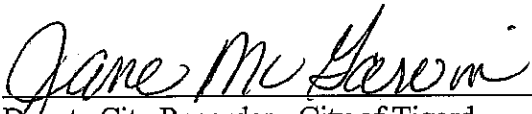
PASSED: This 28th day of September 2004.

This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.



Mayor - City of Tigard

ATTEST:



Deputy City Recorder - City of Tigard
Jane McGarvin